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**ADELAIDE BANK SUBORDINATED DEBT ISSUE HEAVILY  
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Adelaide Bank today announced its subordinated debt issue launched last Thursday (March 25) to raise \$50 million of Tier 2 capital has been closed heavily oversubscribed.

The issue was the latest in a series of highly successful fund raising measures designed to support the Bank's continuing strong asset growth and record mortgage lending.

Details of the successful \$50 million subordinated debt issue were released today by Adelaide Bank Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Barry Fitzpatrick.

Commenting, Mr Fitzpatrick said: "The exceptional response to the subordinated debt issue, coupled with very strong demand for our recent \$800 million TORRENS Trust securitisation issue, is a strong indicator the Australian investment community is highly satisfied with the credit worthiness of Adelaide Bank.

"During 2003-04 we raised \$1.4 billion through highly successful securitisation issues under the program, while also raising \$50 million in capital via an institutional placement of approximately six million new ordinary shares.

"To have this issue launched only last Thursday and have it almost instantly snapped up by investors speaks volumes for the strong relationship Adelaide Bank has built with the Australian investment community.

"This issue will further assisted in funding Adelaide Bank's growth, with strong demand continuing for mortgage loans as we head into the last quarter of 2003-04.

"The quick success of the subordinated debt issue ensures Adelaide Bank is on track to record an increase in total loans under management for the full year of 15 per cent."

The \$50 million Tier 2 capital subordinated debt issue was priced at BBSW +0.95 per cent having been lead managed internally by Adelaide Bank.

**Further comment can be obtained from Adelaide Bank Treasurer, Mr Baum on (08-8300 6116)**

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